

**Commissioners Meeting  
August 5, 2014**

**Present: David Gogel, AL Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Chuck Painter, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Jane Lynam**

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 8:17 A.M.

**Minutes**

Logsdon made a motion to approve the minutes from July 16<sup>th</sup> as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Claims**

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch # 2997. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Seiler made a motion to approve Batch #2996. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Highway Report**

Painter reported that the first set of roads were complete except for the striping. Getting ready to start paving on the second set of roads tomorrow; will begin with 350, then 1625 and last for this set will be Base Road.

Painter asked Logsdon to check on some work being done on CR 1625 E and see what he thought about what they were doing. Painter said they need to stay 24 feet from the center of the road; 21 feet from the center of the road for the ditch and three more feet before they install the fence.

On the tractor bids, Painter recommended going with Blesch Equipment because they were the lowest bid. Logsdon made a motion to award the bid to Blesch Equipment. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Painter reported that he had received two bills from AT&T where the mowers had hit their boxes and they had to be repaired; one bill was for \$1,056 and the other one was for \$770.17. Painter asked if we were responsible for this when there are weeds so high the boxes aren't visible.

Logsdon asked to have a representative from AT&T come to the next meeting and explain why their equipment isn't marked any better. Logsdon then asked Lindsey if we could have an Ordinance in the county where the AT&T boxes would have to be marked for better visibility.

Lindsey said the county could do an ordinance if they wanted.

Painter said Don Frakes from Gohmann had called and asked if we would take more sand, we had agreed to take 3,000 ton at \$1.50 a ton, if we take what is left they will reduce the price to \$1.00 per ton. They have estimated there are 14,000 tons remaining at the site. Logsdon said if you have the money in your budget and room to store it we would be foolish not to take it.

Painter said just to let you know salt prices have almost doubled; last winter I paid \$54.00 a ton and this year it is \$95.50 per ton.

Logsdon reported that a Mr. Beier had contacted him about CR 1725 N and asked if we could do some dust abatement there due to the heavy traffic.

**Bid Openings-Trucks**

Painter explained the bids were to be on two single axle trucks only, no beds.

1. Truck Centers Inc. 2-2015 single axle Freightliner Brand trucks at \$164,752.00
2. Banner Truck Sales 2-2015 single axle Mack Brand Trucks at \$182,000.00

Logsdon made a motion to take the bids under advisement and award the bids at the next meeting. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Gogel said the Mariah Hill Picnic Committee would like to have permission to close a two block section of 687E from 1910N to 1930N at times between noon on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of August until 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Logsdon made a motion to grant permission to the Mariah Hill Picnic Committee on their request. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Property Maintenance Hearing**

Debbie Steinkamp reported that this was a follow up on a property located in Hatfield. Property owner was notified in regards to cleaning up the property. There is a little bit of good news, there was some effort made to mow and clean up; the trash has been thrown in the back of a



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pick-up parked there. I would like to finish up with getting someone in there to transfer the trash from the pick-up to a disposal and get rid of it. I think this is as good as we're going to get it. Lindsey said there are three aspects to the property maintenance ordinance, since the weeds have been cut, the main concern is the trash. The abandoned vehicle we won't worry about. Steinkamp said she was asking for an order to go ahead and affirm that the fine of \$100.00 be imposed and to go ahead and order the cleanup of the property as of today's hearing date. Logsdon made a motion to approve the findings of fact and order as presented and go forward with the process of ordering the cleanup. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **EMA-Task Force Application**

Stephanie Melton explained that this application was for training for herself and Cassie Parker to become task force members where they would be deployed in case of a disaster if needed. She and Cassie are both taking training for resource training leader and incident management team. Seiler made a motion to approve Melton and Parker to be task force members. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Melton explained that they have been doing school plans for each school, this is pre-planning for staging sites for responders in case of an emergency. In North Spencer all the media will meet at the Lincoln Amphitheatre and for South Spencer we would like to use the Courthouse Assembly Room for the media to gather if needed. Seiler made a motion to approve EMA using the Courthouse Assembly room. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Legal Report**

Sara Arnold explained that the Legislature in a combined effort with the Assessors, Treasurers and Auditors had changed the date for assessment from March 1<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> starting in 2016. We need your signatures on the addendum showing you are aware of the change so we can send it back to the State. Logsdon made a motion to approve the addendum to the Assessment contract. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Old Business**

Sheriff Lindsey spoke to the Commissioners about the Sheriffs' office cell phones. They have had some expensive overages and are working on trying to pinpoint exactly who has the overages. We are currently using Verizon, but AT&T is offering a good deal, so we are in discussion trying to get the best deal along with the best service/coverage. We have not signed a contract; we are strictly working on a month to month basis.

John Wetherill spoke to the Commissioners about the Wellhead Protection Ordinance that was discussed at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. No one had received any comments concerning the Ordinance. Wetherill said his recommendation along with Plan Commission Administrator Theresa Cail was to send it to the Plan Commission and get their input so everyone knows what is going on.

Logsdon made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2014-14 establishing a Wellhead Protection Zone for real property, for Reo Water, located outside municipal boundaries. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Bridge Inspections**

Chris R. Pope, Vice President of United, spoke to the Commissioners. He explained that in June their original quote to the county was \$269,900 for a four year contract. We re-negotiated in mid July, cut out some things that you felt you didn't need and came back with the figure of \$251,200. Since then we have reached out to Merril Dougherty with INDOT, who manages state wide bridge inspections between INDOT and the federal highway administration and expressed your concern of the cost increase and we asked for the minimum scope of work that United could provide to Spencer County and still comply with the hard and fast rules of the federal highway administration. We have a new contract to present to you today at \$227,400 if you choose to accept it. This contract takes out the face to face meetings and we will do them by phone with Jack Waldroup and we will present a flash drive with information instead of the big book. You will have a priority schedule for bridges in the county, but there is no commitment level for the county that you have to adhere to. With this contract you will be fully compliant for all State and Federal requirements. This proposal meets all requirements, with no extras included.

Logsdon made a motion to approve the contract with United for 4 years at \$227,400. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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**Legal Report**

Gay Ann Harney explained that the Election Board was proposing to eliminate Harrison 3, actually combining it with Harrison 1, leaving two precincts in Harrison instead of three. The Election Board all agreed this was a good thing to do; it will save a little money by eliminating a few election workers. If the Commissioners agree and sign off on it, it still has to go to the State Election Committee for their approval. Gogel made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Election Board to combine Harrison 1 and Harrison 3. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey presented a summary of services to the Commissioners for their consideration. He explained that we are still considering the sale of county owned property, but we need to have further discussions before we decide to do anything.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:31 A.M.

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President

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Auditor, Jane Lynam